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FOR MATLOCK FROM MCCALL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. CORD HANSEN-STURM (AMERICAN EXPRESS) SAYS THEY WILL PROBABLY PULL TEDESCO OUT OF MOSCOW, A MOVE TRIGGERED BY THE CRAWFORD ARREST, BUT LONG DISCUSSED FOR BUSINESS REASONS. AMEXCO PLANS TO LEAVE MARSCHALKO IN MOSCOW TO HANDLE THE DAY-TO-DAY TRAVEL BUSINESS. PLEASE TREAT THIS IN STRICT CONFIDENCE, UNTIL IT BECOMES FACT AT YOUR END. CORD SAYS THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY HERE IS VERY NERVOUS AT THE TREND OF EVENTS.

2. AMBASSADOR'S PHOTOS POUCHED JUNE 14 UNDER REGISTRY 2944902.

3. RE PARA 1, MOSCOW 13430, SAVILE'S WILL SEND TWO COPIES OF NIXON MEMOIRS EITHER LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW
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(VIA SAM) AND CHARGE TO YOUR ACCOUNT.

4. REFERENCE TO "INTOURIST OFFICE IN WASHINGTON" IS PRE-SUMABLY A SOVIET GARBLE. THERE IS NO SUCH OFFICE, AND WE ARE NOT ABOUT TO LET THE SOVIETS OPEN ONE. THE INTOURIST PEOPLE IN NEW YORK SAY THAT BRAGINSKIY WILL BE VISITING NEW YORK AND OKLAHOMA CITY (TO SET UP A BOOTH AT AN

EXHIBITION THERE). HE CURRENTLY DOES NOT INTEND TO VISIT WASHINGTON. YOU MIGHT WANT TO SUGGEST TO THE MFA THAT THEY CORRECT THEIR NOTE.

5. VANDERBILT ASSIGNMENT. A) TIMING: CARL COON IN FSI SENDING YOU LETTER WHICH STATES HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH WILLIAM HAVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AT VANDERBILT. HAVER SAID THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH YOUR ARRIVING MID-SEPTEMBER EVEN THOUGH REGISTRATION BEGINS LAST TWO DAYS OF AUGUST AND CLASSES BEGIN FOLLOWING WEEK. B). HOUSING: DONALDSON NOW OUT OF TOWN SO HAVER HAPPY TO ASSIST WITH HOUSING. WE HAVE PASSED ON YOUR PREFERENCE FOR 2-BEDRM UNFURN. APARTMENT OR UNFURN. HOUSE. DONALDSON'S SECRETARY SENDING US COPY OF SUNDAY CLASSIFIED TO GIVE YOU IDEA OF TYPES AND PRICING OF HOUSING AVAILABLE. CONSENSUS WAS AUGUST NOT BEST TIME OF YEAR TO GET APARTMENT CLOSE IN BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM IN OBTAINING HOUSING. C). ORDERS: ASSIGNMENT TO VANDERBILT IS DOMESTIC CONTRACT ARRANGEMENT, YOU WILL RECEIVE PAPERS DURING YOUR WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS IN AUGUST. VANDERBILT WAS FORMALLY NOTIFIED MAY 19 OF YOUR ASSIGNMENT (COPY SENT TO YOU). YOU SHOULD WRITE DIRECTLY TO DR. EMMETT B. FIELDS, PRESIDENT, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN. 37240 ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR DUTIES.

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6. IN REFERENCE TO STATE 148864, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY OPINION ON WHETHER BOB PERITO SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH VISIT TO MOSCOW, KIEV AND LENINGRAD PLANNED FOR JUNE 20 TO JULY 1.

7. RABBI SCHNEIER'S INTEREST IN THE CHAPEL CONTINUES, BUT HE WAS TOLD DEFINITELY LAST FALL THAT IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE A SEPARATE CHAPEL IN THE EMBASSY PROJECT. HE HAS NOT PURSUED THE SUBJECT VIGOROUSLY SINCE THEN BUT MAY RAISE IT DURING CALL AT EMBASSY. OUR POSITION HAS BEEN THAT SPACE FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES HAS BEEN ALLOTTED IN MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM AND THAT ALTERNATIVELY WE WOULD CONSIDER IDEA OF TRYING TO FIND AN UNUSED CHURCH WHICH MIGHT BE RENTED BY FOREIGN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY IN MOSCOW.

8. THE NOTE ABOUT TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS QUOTED IN MOSCOW 13555 MIGHT BE THE BEGINNING OF RETALIATION FOR THE PARKING SITUATION HERE. YOU MAY WANT TO CALL AT MFA AND QUESTION THE STATISTICS.

9. MOSCOW 13685 AND 13686 ON TRANSPORTATION AND OCEANS

AGREEMENT RENEWALS HIT OUR DESKS AT 5:30 P.M., TOO LATE
TO GET CLEARED RESPONSES OUT TODAY. OCEANS LOOKS LIKE
MINIMAL PROBLEM AND WE WILL TRY TO PRESENT DIPLOMATIC
NOTE TEXT TO SOVEMBASSY TOMORROW WITH EXCHANGE TO FOLLOW
AS SOON AS THEY HAVE AUTHORITY. ON THE TRANSPORTATION
AGREEMENT, WE WILL HAVE TO CONSULT WITH WESTWING RE
AYKAZYAN AUTOMATIC RENEWAL PROVISION AND WOULD THEN NEED
CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY FOR THIS MODIFICATION. RE PARA
ONE OF MOSCOW 13686, L AGREES IN PRINCIPLE THAT RENEWAL
OR EXTENSION COULD TAKE PLACE AFTER JUNE 19, ALTHOUGH WE
WOULD NOT WISH TO SPIN IT OUT FOR LONG. WE AGREE WITH
YOU THAT ANY DIRECT CONNECTION TO ADAMS VISIT, WHICH OF
COURSE MAY NEVER EVENTUATE, WOULD ENORMOUSLY COMPLICATE
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